



## Calm before the windstorm

Jensina Dawes and John MacDonald took a ride around the Glenmore Reservoir with their dog Pete on Tuesday afternoon — making it in just before the wind warning hit Calgary, with gusts up to 90 kilometres per hour striking southern Alberta. JENNIFER FRIESEN/

## Guzoo given 30 days to clean up act

### ANIMAL FARM

### Controversial private zoo could be closed permanently



**Jeremy Nolais**  
Metro | Calgary

The family behind Alberta's notorious Guzoo has one month to address years-old concerns related to animal welfare, visitor safety, and more, or it will be closed permanently, the province says.

On Tuesday, the Three Hills-area facility, which has long been a source of controversy, was handed a temporary permit to bring its facilities up to par.

"We're giving them 30 days to address these (standards) and if they don't meet them, they'll be required to decommission," provincial spokesperson Duncan MacDonnell said in an interview.

The message was the strongest yet that the zoo, which opened in 1990 and is home to 400 domestic and exotic animals, could be

nearing its end.

In 2011, the province temporarily revoked Guzoo's operating permit but later issued a temporary one on the condition that certain standards be met.

But MacDonnell said an investigation of the site in early March turned up concerns related to "animal health care, general animal care, animal protection, public and staff safety (and) annual inventory."

He didn't get into details about the concerns, other than to say some of the fencing wasn't sufficient.

"We found that very little work had been completed on those prior deficiencies and that several additional concerns were raised," MacDonnell said.

Animal advocates have long warned that visitors to the roadside attraction aren't safe, given that Guzoo has tigers and other potentially dangerous animals in its custody.

Bill Gustafson, son of Guzoo owner Lynn Gustafson, declined to discuss the outstanding infractions when reached at the facility by phone Tuesday.

"We have no comment at this time," he said.

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## BELIEFS

# Yes to UFOs, but no to global warming



**Helen Pike**  
Metro | Calgary

Elvis may be dead and global warming may be a hoax, but for 47 per cent of Albertans, unidentified flying objects are a very real possibility.

An online study conducted from March 24 to March 29 by Insights West asked 801 British Columbians and 508 Albertans a series of questions about conspiracy theories and tabulated results weighing the stats according to Canadian census figures for age, gender and region — and the findings are out of this world.

For instance, two in five Albertans and a third of British Columbians think scientists have already found a cure for cancer.

So, if that's true, why haven't we used it?

Well, according to the study, many Western Canadians believe the government or the pharmaceutical companies have kept the formula in order to hoard profits and keep taxes up.

"Many Western Canadians continue to look at certain issues related to medical research as fodder for conspiracy theories," says Mario Canseco, Insights West vice-president, public affairs.

The study also found one in four (26 per cent) Albertans believe global warming is a hoax versus 12 per cent of British Columbians, and one in five (21 per cent) Albertans think Bigfoot is real. Four per cent believe dinosaurs never existed (sorry, Calgary Zoo).

## GOOGLE MAPS

# It's Pac-Man time for Calgary streets

Calgarians who ventured outside endured a windstorm Tuesday, but it couldn't compare to the fury of indoor finger-tapping from nostalgic city residents playing Google's latest Easter Egg game.

The new feature allowed Google Maps users to play Pac-Man on city streets.

With the click of a button, users could toggle between a satellite view of Calgary, a map

view, and a "Pac-Man view" that turned the navigational tool into a game, complete with the classic soundtrack and scoreboard.

Using the arrow keys to try to escape the ghosts, users collected points and tried not to get caught — especially by their bosses. METRO

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**Knitting a dream:** Coun. Brian Pincott envisions a future where "bus cosies" help the environment, save money and create jobs. JENNIFER FRIESEN/FOR METRO Inset: An example of a full-body, decorative bus-warming device. CONTRIBUTED

# A hot idea for buses

## NO FOOLING

# Knitted covers for buses would create jobs, save cash



**Robson Fletcher**  
Metro | Calgary

Rather than idling Calgary Transit buses in the winter, wasting fuel and emitting greenhouse gases, one councillor is calling on the city to

adopt knitted "bus cosies" to keep the vehicles' diesel engines warm, while beautifying the fleet and creating jobs at the same time.

Coun. Brian Pincott said the cosies, more formally known as Bus Warming Devices (BWDs), have been employed in other jurisdictions and could provide a simple and elegant solution to three problems.

Firstly, they would cut down on the 28 million litres of diesel fuel the city's bus fleet burns each year, saving money and helping Calgary meet its carbon-emission targets.

Secondly, they would pro-

vide jobs to local craft producers, whom Pincott describes in his notice of motion on BWDs as "an underutilized and underemployed segment of our community."



**I think this is a slam dunk.**

Coun. Brian Pincott

And thirdly, the cosies could qualify for provincial MSI funding under the city's Public Art Program, provided they're knitted with sufficiently at-

tractive patterns.

"We need to do more on our greenhouse gas emissions, we need to save money, and we need support our local small businesspeople," Pincott said. "And bus cosies, I think, hits that trifecta."

Politically, the idea is a "no brainer," Pincott added, and he has little doubt his motion will receive majority support at the next city council meeting.

Pincott agreed to provide Metro with an exclusive advance copy of the motion, under strict embargo until Wednesday, April 1 — April Fools' Day.

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## EDUCATION

## Five seek schools funding

A quintet of trustee candidates quarrelled little but discussed much during the lone forum ahead of a Calgary Board of Education byelection vote.

On April 13, voters in Wards 11 and 13 will select a single replacement for Sheila Taylor, who vacated the seat last year to run for MLA.

Much of the conversation, as it did during the 2013 municipal election campaign, centred around lack of student funding. It was particularly timely, however, as the provincial budget tabled last Thursday offered no additional dollars for student growth and cuts into support for vulnerable student groups, like aboriginals and English-language learners.

"We continue to be underfunded, we continue not to have the support staff that we need, the support for kids with special needs, the huge workloads for teachers," said candidate Julie Hrdlicka, a social advocate.

School council executive Victoria Morgan reiterated calls for the province and boards to fund learning necessities, stating she recently learned of one parent council that was asked to help fund additional toilets in their building.

Sean McAsey, a former real-estate broker, strayed furthest from the common script of lobbying the province for additional dollars. He vouched repeatedly for partnering with the corporate world to fund programs and facilities.

Drawing on connections and past efforts was a common theme for fellow candidate Karen Lloyd, who, up until recently, served as the face of the Calgary Association of Parents and School Councils, which hosted Tuesday's forum.

She said parents are busy and engaging them needs to be more convenient.

"They don't have time for the 1964 model of going to a regular meeting and hauling themselves to this and to that place," Lloyd said. "We need to take the school and the meetings to them."

Wilf Phillips, a retired teacher, vouched for creating a system that supported "lifelong learners" and said in-school decisions should largely be left to principals.

Roughly 80 people attended the forum, dwarfing turnout at some of forums held during the 2013 campaign.

JEREMY NOLAIS/METRO

# Family, friends celebrate McKinnon-Blomme's life

## MEMORIAL

## Young man fondly thought of as kind and compassionate



**Morgan Modjeski**  
Metro | Calgary

After months of searching and uncertainty, family members, friends, and people who had never met Justin McKinnon-Blomme gathered at a south-east Calgary church Tuesday to celebrate his life.

Also known as Justin Rhodes, family of the 21-year-old arborist described him as a caring and compassionate person and said he'll be remembered as someone who lived life to the fullest.

At the memorial service, attended by about 200 people, Justin's aunt Belinda Garlough said her nephew's love of nature and the outdoors started at a young age.

"Once he learned how to walk, he quickly learned how to climb," she said at the service, describing him as an inquisitive young child with a love for reptiles, and a young man who developed a deep love of music, teaching him-



**Justin McKinnon-Blomme.**  
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self to play bass guitar.

A "champion of the under-

dog," Justin was also known to "stand up for anyone that was being picked on" and was said to have no tolerance for bullies.

Missing since Sept. 24, 2014, McKinnon-Blomme's body was found in a fir tree on March 25 in the 9800 block of Alberni Road SE, after an area resident spotted his remains.

In the preceding months, his parents, family, and thousands of residents across the city helped in search efforts as a "Help Bring Justin Home" Facebook page saw more than 4,000 people join to share their leads, thought, and prayers.

In a recent release, Calgary police said McKinnon-Blom-

me's death was not "criminal in nature" and as a result they won't be releasing any further information.

His close friend Rhyse Tremel recalled memories of Justin where the two would build what he called "majestic forts" together.

As the two grew up, he said Justin became a "charmer" who could speak to girls without fear and noted the young man was always willing to give "a little piece of his heart and a little piece of his soul" to the people in his life.

"All you had to do was sit with him," he said.

Justin would have turned 22 on May 18.



**FESTIVAL BIG TOP RISING** Cirque du Soleil is gearing up for the April 9 premiere of their latest production Kurios – Cabinet of Curiosities. On Tuesday afternoon, the 50-person crew raised the trademark blue and yellow big top at the Stampede grounds. JENNIFER FRIESEN / FOR METRO

## POLITICS

## Prentice focused on budget, not polls



**Jeremy Nolaïs**  
Metro | Calgary

Alberta Premier Jim Prentice says a new poll suggesting his Tory government is locked in a dead-heat with the Wildrose will have little impact on when he drops the writ.

The March 31 poll from Mainstreet Technologies showed the PCs and the Wildrose were deadlocked 24 per cent in the

provincial voting intention category — with the NDP doubling their nearest competitor, the Wildrose party — in Edmonton.

But Prentice noted at a Tuesday news conference that the poll was conducted days after a new provincial budget introduced dozens of new user fees and taxes.

"I'll focus on doing the right thing for Albertans and not on polls. Clearly, this is a difficult budget . . . we face tough choices," he said.

### IN BRIEF

#### Police seek vandal's ID

Calgary police are asking for the public's help in identifying a man believed responsible for property damage in late November.

Police say between 9 p.m. Nov. 24, 2014 and 6:30 a.m. on Nov. 25, 2014 a man smashed a glass window at the Calgary bylaw services office at 1807 Macleod Trail SE, with damage estimated at roughly \$2,750.

Anyone with information is asked to call Calgary Police at 1-403-266-1234, or Crime Stoppers. METRO

## RIDING NOMINATIONS

## Lall's future as Tory president unclear

He's not allowed to run for MLA as a Tory, but the premier isn't saying whether disqualified candidate Jamie Lall will be allowed to remain on as the president of a Calgary riding association.

Lall says he was told late Saturday he was being "disallowed" from running for the Progressive Conservative nomination in Chestermere-Rocky View. Incumbent MLA Bruce McAllister was later acclaimed.

Lall has said he's been given no reason for the removal and questioned how he passed the Tory vetting process twice in 2012 before eventually running against Liberal winner Kent Hehr in Calgary-Buffalo.

Lall also serves as the Calgary-McCall Tory riding association president, but Premier Jim Prentice said Tuesday it was an "entirely separate matter" as to whether he would remain in that role.

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# More money for student loans, but fewer bursaries

## PAYING FOR SCHOOL

### Critics fear graduates will have even more to repay



**Jeremy Nolaïs**  
Metro | Calgary

Loan amounts will leap forward for post-secondary students this coming year, but advocates fear it means they'll simply be on the hook to pay more come time to cross the graduation-day stage.

Overall, the province will hike its available lending dollars by 42 per cent to \$579 million, all the while decreasing available bursaries, which students typically aren't required to pay back, by 25 per cent.

But in a statement the ministry said the reduction on bursaries came down to a repurposing of a \$35-million competition incentive grant — some of the dollars will go into the loans pool, while others will be used to assist up to 7,500 low-income students as well as provide more support for Aboriginal learners.

The Heritage Scholarships fund will also see an injection of \$9 million, a 24 per cent increase.

Even still, students, who had been lobbying for the comple-

tion grant to be redistributed, say they aren't totally sold.

"We can see that where they are putting money is toward loans," said Navneet Khinda, chair of the Council of Alberta University Students. "Right away, that shows they're expecting costs will increase for students and they're expecting that we'll take on a lot more debt. From a long-term standpoint, that's not actually a good thing."

Hasib Baig, president of the students' association at NAIT, agreed.

"Asking students to borrow more money to go to school is not the right way to go about it," he said. "When we look at it, our government does not want to borrow money but they're suggesting that students borrow money."

Some administrators even say they're concerned about the province's repurposing effort.

Statements from the province on budget day last Thursday have ratcheted up fears among students that they will see mass hikes to tuition and other costs in the years ahead. The province actually did spare institutions of cuts believed to run as deep as five per cent this year — the actual reductions will be 1.4 per cent, followed by 2.7 per cent next year — but, Finance Minister Robin Campbell warned, "We must make changes to ensure a financially sustainable and accessible system."

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**Navneet Khinda, chair of the Council of Alberta University Students, fears more students will be forced to turn to loans to finance their education in the years ahead.** METRO FILE

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Between 2008-09 and 2012-13, the total number of learners enrolled in a college, university or polytechnic jumped by 9,483.

But over that same time period, the total count of those receiving some form of provincial or federal aid shot up by 20,939.

Some of the student aid provided — 16.2 per cent to be exact — comes in the form of provincial grants, meaning it doesn't have to be paid back.

1. Students who take out loans are charged no interest for six months after their last day of study.

2. When interest does kick in, students are charged a floating rate, which is the lowest amount offered by most banks.

3. Students can also re-request to have a fixed interest rate on their loan, which is the prime rate plus two per cent.

## BOARDS WORRIED

### No funds to staff schools

The Alberta premier, alongside his education minister and infrastructure boss, gathered at the site of a northeast Calgary school to announce it was proceeding with construction on what's believed to be the largest slate of public infrastructure in Canadian history.

The school facilities addressed are the very same ones pledged by Jim Prentice in October amid a byelection campaign in which he and Education Minister Gordon Dirks were both candidates.

The number of projects being built in what's known as "Phase 3" has remained the same — 56 new facilities and 21 modernizations. The price tag has remained steady — about \$2 billion.

Asked about his re-announcement Tuesday, Prentice said, "the point today is amongst those priorities (in the 2015 budget) is new schools."

School boards, meanwhile, say they have concerns about staffing new facilities when it comes time to start opening them — some are due to open in September 2016.

The recent provincial education budget allocated no additional funding for student growth.

"We're delighted to see new schools come on-stream, they're critically needed . . . however, we are really concerned with losing multi-millions from not having funding for student growth," said Linda Wellman, chair of the Calgary Catholic School District trustee board. JEREMY NOLAIS/METRO

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## IN BRIEF

**Province looking to expand access to antidote for Fentanyl overdoses**

With a troubling rise in Fentanyl overdoses, the province is looking at ways to expand the use of a drug that helps stop potentially fatal attacks in their tracks.

Dr. Michael Trew, chief addiction and mental-health officer, said officials are looking at ways to expand access to the drug Naloxone, which works like an antidote in the event of an overdose.

Streetworks, an Edmonton needle-exchange program, has been distributing the drug for more than 10 years, but Trew said distributing it on a much wider scale would come with "some complications" and would take time to implement.

RYAN TUMILTY/METRO  
IN EDMONTON

**Firefighter injured; evacuation warning issued in Blackie**

Residents of the Hamlet of Blackie were told to prepare for a possible evacuation Tuesday evening, as high winds and a grass fire burning south of Calgary prompted the province to issue a critical wildfire alert for the Municipal District (M.D.) of Foothills.

One firefighter was injured battling the blaze and was taken to hospital in High River for treatment, according to the M.D., which declared a local state of emergency.

The fire was burning northeast of Blackie in the vicinity of 482nd Avenue and 304th Street E.

Blackie is about 60 kilometres southeast of Calgary's southern edge.

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## REPORT

**Experts say sex trade is shifting, not shrinking, in Calgary**

**Morgan Modjeski**  
Metro | Calgary

Although police have seen a steady decline in the number of prostitution complaints on an annual basis, agencies helping women leave the sex trade say demand for the service has stayed consistent and simply shifted location.

A report to be presented to members of city council Wednesday outlines how pros-



**Kristin Poch is almost ready to welcome the public onto the Beatnik Bus, Calgary's first mobile record store. Poch is also looking to collaborate with local artists and musicians who can sell art or play music off the bus.** ANNA BROOKS/METRO

# Beatnik Bus: City's mobile record store

## RETAIL

**Owner wanted to put father's collection to good use**

**Anna Brooks**  
Metro | Calgary

Move over food trucks — mobile retailers are coming to town this Saturday, and they're packing vinyl.

Looking to be the first mobile record store in Calgary, Kristin Poch is finishing her touches on what's been dubbed the Beatnik Bus, an old vehicle

she has been busy revamping into a record store.

"Vinyl is starting to trend again, so I think we're coming in at a good time," Poch said. "I think what will bring people in is the whole experience of coming into a store on the bus."

Poch said the idea for the Beatnik Bus was sparked by her father, an avid music collector. Poch saw mobile retailers operating in the U.S. and decided a mobile record shop would be a great way to preserve her father's extensive music collection and bring something new to Calgary at the same time.

"My dad's dream was always to retire and open up a funky record store," Poch said. "I was



**Now is the time to do it.**

Kristin Poch

always adamant for him not to sell his collection and thought I could help him do something with it."

Along with selling vinyl records, Poch is also supporting local artists and musicians by bringing in consigned art and allowing musicians to plug in their instruments and play off the bus.

"I also want to promote local artists and musicians," Poch said. "Vinyl sales are some-

thing we always want to do, but events and hosting live shows is where I really foresee the business going."

Because Calgary doesn't yet have bylaws in place for mobile retailers, Poch said the challenge moving forward is being limited to private events and festivals. While waiting on the city, Poch is planning to open the Beatnik Bus for the first time in front of the Reclaimed Trading Company in Ramsey this Saturday.

"This year will be an interesting one establishing my footing and figuring out how sustainable it is," Poch said. "It's a bit intimidating doing something different, but now is the time to do it."

## DISABILITIES

## Safety standards causing concern

Families of people with developmental disabilities and their allies are concerned new provincial safety standards meant to protect those in a government program will create barriers when it comes to finding a place to live.

As of April 1, mandated health-and-safety inspections will ensure people covered by the Persons with Developmental Disabilities (PDD) program are living in spaces that are up to code.

Some families believe these new measures could cause strife between tenant and landlord.

Symbolic marriages between those with developmental disabilities will highlight inspection exemptions in place for those who are married or receive family-managed care.

Colleen Huston of the Disability Action Hall said the policy is poorly written and discriminatory.

"Only a portion of people who get PDD funding fall under this criteria of needing inspections," she said. "It's set up for conflict."

She said the consequences of the "hasty" ruling aren't clear yet but said she knows both landlords and tenants are worried.

Pat Corbett is a single mother of two young men with developmental disabilities who are currently exempt from the inspections because they are under family-managed care.

"Any kind of change is very difficult," Corbett said. "I honestly believe that (safety) is at the heart of what they are trying to do.... However we need to find out what will make things safe while still allowing people to be really living in a community."

HELEN PIKE/METRO



**One of hundreds of ads placed daily under the female-escort section of a local online listing page.** SCREENSHOT

# War resisters face uphill battle

U.S. MILITARY

**Tories ramping up deportations, says ex-soldier**



**Jessica Smith Cross**  
Metro | Toronto

Dean Walcott is waiting for a letter that will send him to jail. Walcott is one of about 20 U.S. Iraq war resisters — “deserters” or “contentious objectors,” depending on your point of view — who are living in Canada and fighting deportation.

The Conservatives are against letting the resisters stay but, with an election roughly seven months away, the bureaucratic process might just be slow enough to allow them a shot at staying in Canada.

“It means a lot to me. I’m hoping I’ll still be here for that election, but there’s no way of knowing,” Walcott told Metro.

Walcott went AWOL in 2005 after four tours in Iraq. He fled to Canada, settled in Peterborough, Ont., and, over the course of a decade, got married and had children. If he’s sent back, he’ll likely be convicted of desertion in a U.S. military court.

Since 2006-07, the number of resisters in Canada has shrunk to 20 from 200, according to the War Resisters Support Campaign, an activist group based in Toronto that has been assisting the resisters and lobbying politicians on their behalf. Forty-five have made legal claims for residency while the others have been deported, gone back to the U.S. voluntarily or sought refuge in another country, said organizer Michelle Robidoux.

Joshua Key, whose true story of fleeing the Iraq War was told in *The Deserter’s Tale*, written by Lawrence Hill, said he’s seen deportations pick up steam since the government decided to send jets to Iraq this fall.

“It seemed that things changed about that time,” said Key, who now lives in Winnipeg.

“They started making action on a lot of our cases, started the deportation process with many. I myself, to be quite honest, am just waiting on a letter to arrive. Then you do whatever they tell you to do.”

Public opinion polls show that a majority of Canadians support the resisters: In a 2008 Angus Reid survey, about two-thirds of Canadians said they wanted them to be allowed to stay. But those who are opposed tend to be vehemently so.

The Conservative government wants Walcott and the others sent back. The immigration minister issued an operational bul-



**Dean Walcott stands holding his U.S. Marines sword in front of the Peterborough, Ont., home he shares with his wife and three children. The back of his SUV reads “U.S. Marine Corps Retired,” a slogan he figures is as close as he’ll find for his situation.** JOEL WIEBE/FOR METRO



**It’s incredibly important ... that soldiers’ right to conscience be defended.**

Michelle Robidoux,  
War Resisters Support Campaign

letin in 2010 to immigration officers that stated desertion was to be treated as a crime that makes the resisters ineligible to get residency in Canada.

In a statement to Metro, a spokesperson for the Ministry of Citizenship and Immigration confirmed those who have deserted the military in their country of origin may be inadmissible to Canada under the Immigration and Refugee Protection Act.

“Military deserters from the

United States are not genuine refugees under the internationally accepted meaning of the term. These unfounded claims clog up our system for genuine refugees who are actually fleeing persecution,” the statement said.

So far, the lowest sentence anyone has received in the U.S. has been eight months; the most, 24. Those who have spoken out against the war have been punished more harshly, said Robidoux.

Robidoux, who is Canadian, said she helps the war resisters because she believes they are the only people speaking out about the impact of the war on Iraqis.

“The war resisters speak the ground truth of the war in Iraq and it’s incredibly important that their voices be heard and that soldiers’ right to conscience be defended,” she said.

While Robidoux said the bulletin has been the biggest hurdle, rescinding it now may not be enough to change the course of each individual deportation process. She’s hoping the election brings a new government that will legislate Parliament’s will to let the resisters stay en masse.

That’s if there are any left by then.

## Nothing justifies Iraq war: Resister

Dean Walcott was serving in a military hospital in 2004 when an Iraqi tent city was set on fire by a mortar round and the hospital was flooded with burn victims, women and children, screaming and bloodied, he recalls.

Today, he has flashbacks of burned bodies and has been diagnosed with PTSD.

“In the military, you expect death... You know what collateral damage means, but it’s not the same thing when you see it up front in your face.”

Walcott’s not against all war, but everything he saw led him to believe the Iraq war was immoral.

“Dealing with people who came into the hospital, the question all the time was, ‘Why my son? Why my daughter? Why my dad?’ And there’s nothing that justifies it,” he said. “It would have been nice to look at those people and say, ‘We’re doing this for the sake of humanity, we’re doing this to help people.’ And honestly, we just weren’t helping people at all.”

What gets said a lot about war resisters is that they’re “cowards,” said Walcott. But he was working stateside when he decided to run. He’d survived four tours, had PTSD and knew he’d never be deployed again.

“My unit specifically does not allow me to deploy ever again. Where’s the cowardice? Where is it? I deployed four times; I was never going to deploy again. Where’s the cowardice in that?”

He left, he said, because his job required him to help send reservists overseas, and he could no longer handle sending them away to die.

Walcott said one ideological



**I never signed a contract to go kill innocent people.**

Joshua Key

divide often comes from families with a strong military tradition.

“There are families that have been in the military, fathers and grandfathers before them, and naturally they take a great deal of offence to what we’ve done,” said Walcott.

But those families can be proud of their First and Second World War legacies in a way Walcott said he can never be proud of what he did in Iraq.

“I don’t see any honour in attacking somebody who is defenceless. I don’t see any honour in hurting people that never hurt me, never hurt my family, never hurt my government, never came close to hurting my government,” he said.

As for Joshua Key, he said he’s often told that by deserting he’s broken a contract.

“Yes, I sure did,” he said, “but what I went through (in) Iraq, well, I never signed a contract to go kill innocent people. That’s an easy one.” JESSICA SMITH CROSS/METRO

### + BACKGROUND

#### Where political parties stand

The Conservative government issued Operational Bulletin 202 in July 2010 ordering immigration officers to consider military deserters criminally inadmissible to Canada. In two separate votes before the legislature, all Conservatives voted against letting deserters stay.

The NDP has called on the government to rescind the operational bulletin and let resisters remain in Canada on humanitarian and compassionate grounds.

The NDP has consistently voted in favour of letting them stay.

A Liberal government would rescind the Conservatives’ operational bulletin and let each case proceed on its own merits, according to a spokesperson. Though former leader Michael Ignatieff led a walkout from a 2010 vote on a Liberal MP’s private member’s bill that would have allowed the war resisters to stay, current Leader Justin Trudeau stayed and voted yea.

It was under former Liberal prime minister Pierre Trudeau that the Vietnam War-era resisters were welcomed to apply for permanent resident status.

## ANTI-TERRORISM

# Tories reject opposition changes to bill

The Conservatives used their majority on the House of Commons public safety committee to vote down the first wave of opposition amendments to the federal anti-terrorism bill.

Government MPs also won approval for a few changes they put forward Tuesday with the aim of clarifying some elements of the legislation.

But after more than six hours of clause-by-clause review, it was clear the government was not

about to waver on core elements of the 62-page security bill.

The bill would give the Canadian Security Intelligence Service more power to thwart suspected terrorist plots — not just gather information about them.

It would also increase the exchange of federal security information, broaden no-fly list powers and create a new criminal offence of encouraging someone to carry out a terrorism attack.

In addition, the bill would make it easier for the RCMP to obtain a peace bond to restrict the movements of suspects and extend the amount of time they can be kept in preventative detention.

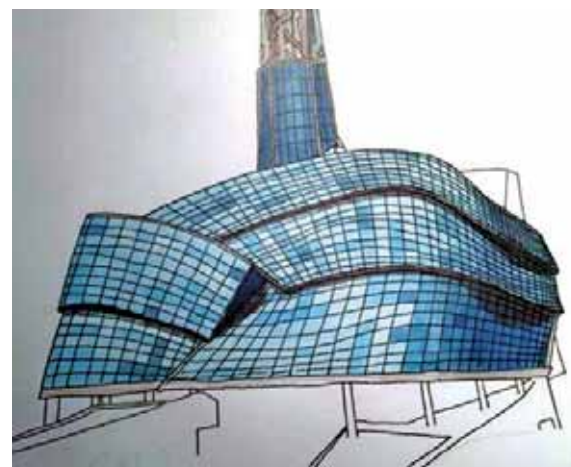
Public Safety Minister Steven Blaney says the legislation is needed to keep Canadians safe from jihadi-inspired attacks like the ones that claimed the lives of two soldiers just days apart last October.

"These are terrorists who are threatening us, and we will fight them," Blaney said during question period Tuesday.

At committee, opposition MPs from four parties put forward dozens of suggested changes, but they were summarily defeated.

The committee heard from almost 50 witnesses — many of whom suggested changes to the bill — in recent weeks.

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Justin Trudeau's unfinished sketch of the Canadian Museum of Human Rights is now part of a Liberal fundraising campaign, but the artwork is likely worth less than \$500. CONTRIBUTED

## Trudeau's art draws dollars

## POLITICS

**Famous name is sketch's true value, suggests gallery owner**



**Jessica Smith Cross**  
Metro | Toronto

In the art world, a sketch by Justin Trudeau is likely worth less than \$500, but in politics, it helped the Liberal Party blow past a fundraising goal of \$350,000.

Trudeau is "an unproven entity" as an artist, without a known market for his work, so the original sketch he drew of the Canadian Museum of Human Rights would probably not be very valuable, said Toronto gallery owner Odon Wagner.

"For the present, one has to be modest with the valuation," he said. "Why not be polite and

say under \$500?"

The Liberal Party ran a campaign in which they promised all donors a postcard-sized print of Trudeau's sketch if they surpassed the \$350,000 March fundraising goal, which they did.

But that wasn't the only fundraising campaign run this month, and a spokesperson couldn't say how much they believe Trudeau's sketch helped, only that it has been valuable.

"There will be aficionados of this man as an artist, but more as a politician for the cause of the occasion, for the cause of raising money," said Wagner.

He notes there's precedent for evaluating a politician's art: Winston Churchill was a hobby painter for decades, and his works sell for great value.

Trudeau and Churchill aren't artistically comparable, however.

Nor does Trudeau have Churchill's political legacy, but the value of his sketches would rise should he ever become prime minister, Wagner said.

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**IRAQ SECURITY FORCES REACH CENTRE OF TIKRIT** Iraqi security forces and allied Shiite militiamen celebrate in central Tikrit, Iraq, Tuesday. Iraqi forces battled Islamic State militants holed up in Tikrit, going house to house. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

# Airline knew about co-pilot's depression

## LUFTHANSA CRASH

### Lubitz told flight school that he'd been having issues

Lufthansa knew six years ago that the co-pilot of the passenger plane that crashed in the French Alps last week had suffered from a "serious depressive episode," the German airline said Tuesday.

The airline said that as part of its internal research it found emails that Andreas Lubitz sent to the Lufthansa flight school

in Bremen when he resumed his training there after an interruption of several months.

In them, he informed the school that he had suffered a "serious depressive episode," which had since subsided.

The airline said Lubitz subsequently passed all medical checks and that it has provided the documents to prosecutors. It declined to make any further comment.

Questions have been raised about what the airline knew about Lubitz's condition before last week's fatal crash.

Authorities say the 27-year-old, who in the past had been treated for suicidal tenden-



### You can hear cries of 'My God' in several languages.

Paris Match report of a video

cies, locked his captain out of the cockpit before deliberately crashing the Airbus 320 into a mountain in the French Alps. All 150 people aboard Flight 9525 from Barcelona to Dusseldorf were killed that day. Earlier Tuesday, Lufthansa said it had set aside \$300 million to deal with possible costs from

the March 24 crash.

Separately Tuesday, German daily Bild and French magazine Paris Match said their reporters were shown a video they say was taken by someone inside the cabin of the doomed plane.

Both periodicals reported the video was found on a memory chip possibly from a cellphone. Marseille prosecutor Brice Robin, overseeing the French criminal investigation into the crash, said that no cellphone video has been found.

Paris Match reported that "you can hear cries of 'My God' in several languages" and metallic banging.

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## WAR HISTORY

### Frank's death likely earlier than thought

Teenage Jewish diarist Anne Frank likely died of typhus in a Nazi concentration camp about a month earlier than previously thought, the Amsterdam museum that honours her memory said Tuesday on the 70th anniversary of the officially recognized date of her death.

Anne died, aged 15, at Bergen-Belsen camp — likely in February 1945, said Erika Prins, a researcher at the Anne Frank House museum.

Frank's diary about hiding from the Nazis in the occu-

pied Netherlands during the Second World War was published after the war. It became an international bestseller and made her an enduring symbol of Holocaust victims.

The new date of her death changes little about the tragic lives of Anne and her sister Margot, who went into hiding with their family in an Amsterdam canal house but were eventually betrayed, sent to Nazi concentration camps and died in the Holocaust along with millions of other Jews.

"It was horrible. It was ter-

rible. And it still is," Prins said.

But she said the new date lays to rest the idea that the sisters could have been rescued if they had lived just a little longer.

"When you say they died at the end of March, it gives you a feeling that they died just before liberation. So maybe if they'd lived two more weeks ...," Prins said.

"Well, that's not true anymore."

Allied forces liberated the Nazis' Bergen-Belsen concentration camp on April 15, 1945.

The earlier March 31 date of Anne's death was set by Dutch authorities after the war, based on accounts suggesting she and her sister died sometime in March.

At the time, Dutch officials did not have the resources to establish an exact date.

Witness accounts said Anne and her sister already showed signs of typhus in early February. Researchers cited Dutch health authorities as saying most typhus deaths happen around 12 days after the first symptoms. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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# Students of defunct college refusing to pay back loans

## EDUCATION

### Government in U.S. blamed for not keeping eye on schools

Sarah Dieffenbacher is on a debt strike. She's refusing to make payments on the more than \$100,000 US in federal and private loans she says she owes for studies at a for-profit college that she now considers so worthless she doesn't include it on her resumé.

Calling themselves the "Corinthian 100" — named for the troubled Corinthian Colleges Inc., which operated Everest College, Heald College and Wyo-Tech before agreeing last summer to sell or close its 100-plus campuses — about 100 current and former students are refusing to pay back their loans, according to the Debt Collective group behind the strike. The students collectively have taken out more than \$500 million US in private student loans.

The Education Department is the group's primary target, because it wants the department to discharge the loans. The former students argue that the department should have done a better job regulating the schools and informing students that they were under investigation.

Dieffenbacher, 37, said she received an associate's degree in paralegal studies from Everest College in California and later went back for a bachelor's in criminal justice. She said she left school with about \$80,000 US in federal loans and \$30,000 US in private loans, but when she went to apply for jobs at law firms she was told her studies didn't count for anything.

Makenzie Vasquez, a server at an Italian restaurant, said she left an eight-month program to become a medical assistant at Everest College in San Jose after six months because she couldn't afford the monthly fees. She said she owes about \$31,000 US and went into default in November because she hasn't started repayment.

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**Sarah Dieffenbacher in Washington on Monday. Former and current students of the troubled Corinthian Colleges are refusing to pay back their student loans.** THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

## EXECUTION DRUGS

### Pharmacists joining the ethical boycott

A leading association for U.S. pharmacists has officially discouraged its members from providing drugs for use in lethal injections, a move that could heighten the hurdles faced by states attempting to execute prisoners.

The policy adopted by American Pharmacists Association delegates at their annual meeting Monday makes an ethical stand against providing such drugs, saying they run contrary to the role of pharmacists as health-care providers. The association lacks legal authority to bar its more than 62,000 members from selling execution drugs, but its policies set pharmacists' ethical standards.

Pharmacists now join doctors in having national associations with ethics codes that restrict credentialed members from participating in executions.

"Now there is unanimity among all health professions in the United States who represent anybody who might be asked to be involved in this process," said association member Bill Fassett.

Compounding pharmacies, which make drugs specifically

for individual clients, only recently became involved in the execution-drug business.

Prison departments turned to made-to-order execution drugs from compounding pharmacies because pharmaceutical manufacturers refused to sell the drugs used for decades in lethal injections after coming under pressure from death penalty opponents.

But now the compounded version is also becoming difficult to come by, with most pharmacists reluctant to expose themselves to possible harassment. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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## Sinking loonie lifting profits

CIBC World Markets says corporate profit margins hit a 27-year high in the fourth quarter and are likely to remain strong despite the softening in the economy due to the oil price shock.

According to a study released Tuesday, the average profit margin of all non-financial corporations rose to 8.2 per cent of sales. Even after excluding the

recently hard-hit energy sector, it says profit margins are currently at their highest in almost three decades at 7.6 per cent.

The study found two factors that were largely at work for the most recent increases — softening labour costs and a sinking loonie. It said the pace of growth in labour costs dropped sharply from 3.5 per cent in

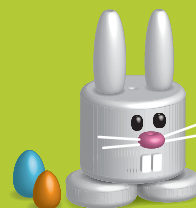
2012 to one per cent in 2014, while the Canadian dollar has depreciated nearly 25 per cent.

Benjamin Tal, the bank's deputy chief economist who authored the report, estimates the depreciation in the value of the dollar is responsible for at least a full percentage point increase in average profit margin since 2012. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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**Average amount of time Canadians spent stuck in traffic in 2014. Torontonians and Vancouverites lost even more of their lives — 84 hours — not moving or moving slowly in traffic last year. TomTom, the organization that released the information, blames high levels of congestion on the traditional work week and suggests more flexible schedules as one possible solution.**

## The most intimate and authentic social media yet

### SOCIAL DISCOURSE

Omar Moullem



Saturday night, I joined a kitchen party in Oklahoma, before huddling under a blanket with a stranger in São Paulo. Sunday morning, I watched a Las Vegas baptism. Just yesterday, I was on a roller coaster in Disneyland.

I've never actually been to Disneyland, nor do I know of a way to teleport there from Edmonton. But if you're one of the thousands who downloaded Twitter's new live broadcasting app, then you've probably guessed that I've been "periscoping".

Yes, Periscope, the app in question, is already being verbed. And as tech boosters say, when your tech becomes a verb you've got a hit.

What separates it and its

competitor Meerkat from other live-video interfaces like Chat Roulette isn't just the lack of male genitals (it's surprisingly well-filtered since people are using their pre-existing Twitter accounts). It's that it's not one-to-one, but one-to-dozens, hundreds or thousands, making for addictive crowd voyeurism.

Periscope's not just more intimate than any other popular social media I've experienced, but more authentic. It's easy to write cleverly on Facebook and Twitter, or to upload your most flattering portrait on Instagram (shoot downward, never upward) but acting is hard.

So broadcasters seemed almost unprepared for the audience's presence, but welcomed interaction with their comments regardless. Ask-me-anythings will never be the same.

There are too many kinks

to name in the six-day-old software. It's unclear how to find familiar people or even locations, plus there are non-technical glitches such as petty misogyny in

**Yes, Periscope, the app in question, is already being verbed.**

the comments stream each time a woman appears on camera (like, what else is new on the Internet?).

My guess is once it has a critical mass of users, broadcasters will have more control over who they let inside their virtual rooms. And, of course, once the novelty wears off in, oh, probably another six days, users' tolerance for the mundane (and requests to see inside fridges)

will subside.

But the potential for big audiences to move through big world events — experiencing war from a Palestinian or Israeli's living room, marching with Hong Kong youth — interactively, with an ear and a voice, could change not just how we view these events but how we understand them.

In addition to verbing apps, the Silicon Valley Illuminati are also prone to declaring that (fill in the blank) will change the world. Periscope won't, because the world doesn't change in 14.1 megabytes, but one could imagine how live video, perhaps paired with virtual reality headgear, could incrementally transform the social sphere.

**Omar Moullem**

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## ROSEMARY WESTWOOD

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### Cindy Gladue: In our quest for justice, the woman has been lost

If you haven't heard of Cindy Gladue, you likely will tomorrow, when thousands are expected to gather for rallies across the country to protest the March 18 acquittal of Bradley Barton in an Edmonton courtroom. Barton had been charged with Gladue's murder.

Protesters are organizing under #JusticeforCindyGladue. A petition with more than 2,000 signatures is calling for an appeal, urging people to realize that "Cindy Gladue had a life. She also had a story," that she was a mother, sister, daughter.

And she was also a sex worker. She bled to death in a hotel bathroom following a sexual encounter with Barton that left an 11-centimetre gash inside her vagina. That's slightly shorter than the length of a pen.

Yet it is only now, two weeks after the verdict and four years since her death, that public outrage over her case has erupted.

Where was mass interest when Gladue was found dead? Where was it during the trial, which lasted a month? News outlets covered it, but not every single day. Very few sat through the whole trial, defence lawyer Dino Bottos said.

Protesters claim Gladue was denied justice because she was aboriginal. They feel the jury was racist when it found Barton not guilty.

There is a sense that her

story is being elevated and then swallowed into the larger call for justice for aboriginal women. Let me be clear: There can't be too many calls for an inquiry into missing and murdered aboriginal women.

But I also wonder if we aren't losing something in the outrage: Gladue herself, who she was, and what and who she loved. Details that have been missing in recent days.

Gladue was also present for her own trial, in a graphic way. The Crown brought her preserved vagina into the courtroom to aid the testimony of expert witnesses on the nature of the wound that killed her.

It's the first time human tissue has appeared in a Canadian court. Defence lawyers argued it would prejudice the jury against Barton. It clearly did not.

But it certainly leaves the image of a sex worker reduced to her vagina in a courtroom.

It also means part of her legacy will be wrapped up in a precedent-setting legal decision.

I can't say if protesters are right, and that Gladue was denied justice in her death.

About her life, I can say Gladue was a mother and that she had three children — a small detail given in a radio interview. A newspaper op-ed talks about her love of baking and cooking.

That's not much, and that's its own level of injustice.



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### PHILOSOPHER CAT by Jason Logan





## Tomato butter and salami

Stir together 1 tablespoon softened butter with 1 tablespoon tomato paste and 1 teaspoon capers. Spread over ciabatta toast, then top with shredded salami and torn fresh basil.

Gussied up toast can be a great indulgence. Here are six ways to mix up your toast routine. Having a party? Make miniature versions and serve as appetizers

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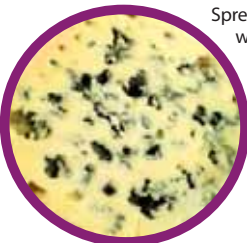


## Hawaiian

Spread a toasted sweet roll or English muffin with pineapple or mango jam. Top with sliced ham, roasted red peppers and crumbled bacon.

## Blue lime

Spread multigrain toast with lime marmalade, then sprinkle with crumbled blue cheese and cracked black pepper.



## Ricotta-broccoli raab

Sauté chopped broccoli raab in a little olive oil until tender, 2 to 4 minutes. Spread whole-milk ricotta over toasted sourdough bread. Spoon the broccoli raab over the ricotta, then sprinkle with coarse salt and red pepper flakes.



# Raise a toast

## Anchovy and brie

Lay slices of brie over toasted brioche. Top with anchovy fillets and sprinkle with toasted pumpkin seeds and balsamic glaze.



## Avocado-walnut

Top toasted herbed bread with slices of avocado. Drizzle with honey, then top with fresh chives and toasted walnuts.



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# Fourth book appalls Larsson's partner

## MILLENNIUM TRILOGY

### Eva Gabriellsson says continuing Larsson's series is a cash grab

Eva Gabriellsson doesn't mince words: continuing the wildly successful Millennium trilogy written by her late partner Stieg Larsson is a mistake and should never have happened.

It's written by David Lagercrantz, a journalist and author best known as footballer Zlatan Ibrahimovic's official biographer.

The highly anticipated fourth instalment is due out Aug. 27 in 35 countries. But Gabriellsson won't be buying it.

"They say heroes are supposed to live forever. That's a load of crap, this is about money," Gabriellsson tells AFP in a Stockholm café. "It's about a publishing house that needs money, (and) a writer who doesn't have anything to write so he copies someone else," she laments.

Gabriellsson, 61 lived with Stieg Larsson for 32 years until his sudden death in 2004 from a heart attack at age 50 — before the publication of the dark crime trilogy that took the world

by storm.

Gabriellsson is animated defending Larsson's work, and the publication of the 500-page fourth tome disgusts her. The literal translation of the Swedish title is That Which Does Not Kill Us (the official English title is *The Girl in the Spider's Web*).

Just after Larsson's death, Gabriellsson said in interviews she had the draft of a fourth book

he had begun several months before his death. Few details leaked out, and Gabriellsson is unwilling to discuss it. "I don't have it anymore, and Lagercrantz started over from zero."

Lagercrantz has nothing in common with Larsson, a journalist and leftist activist who was passionate about combating extremism, she points out. He "comes from a completely



**I wouldn't have continued Stieg's work. It was his language, his unique narrative.**

Eva Gabriellsson



different background. Everything has always been easy for him. He's never been an activist.

Everything is wrong," she argues. "Let him dig his own grave." AFP



Rooney Mara brought Lisbeth Salander to life in David Fincher's film version of *The Girl with a Dragon Tattoo*. CONTRIBUTED

## THE GIRL IN THE SPIDER'S WEB

### Publisher releases new details online

The followup to Swedish author Stieg Larsson's best-selling Millennium crime trilogy, due for release this summer, kicks off with an artificial intelligence intrigue involving a U.S. spy agency, the book's publishers said Tuesday.

The *Girl in the Spider's Web* was completed in November by David Lagercrantz.

The book takes up the story of computer hacker Lisbeth Salander and journalist Mikael Blomkvist, whom she helped to solve a murder mystery in *The Girl with the*



The U.K. cover of David Lagercrantz's new novel. QUERCUS

*Dragon Tattoo*.

"One night professor Frans Balder, a leading authority within AI (artificial intelligence) research, calls up Blomkvist," Norstedts publishing house wrote on its website, setting the scene for the new book. "Balder says he has world shattering information on U.S. intelligence services ... had contact with a female super hacker, who bears a certain resemblance to a person Blomkvist knows well." AFP

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## CELEBRITY PARENTING

## Even Ryan Phillippe is an embarrassing dad

Genetics have been very kind to Ryan Phillippe, who apparently doesn't age. Which is super-awkward, as it turns out, for his teenage daughter, Ava. "It's crazy. And still, I get carded constantly," he tells *Variety*. "My daughter hates it because sometimes people have thought I'm her brother, and she's freaked out by that."



I'm sure she's also not so hot on him saying things like this to a major trade publication, but hey, if you can't mortify your 15-year-old daughter in print, what's the point of being famous? Also, it's nice to know there's now a male version of the Dina Lohan "people think we're sisters!" thing. NED EHRBAR

## 140 CHARACTER RAGE-A-THON

## Tom Hanks' rapper son has a Twitter tantrum

Tom Hanks' incorrigible rapper son, Chet Haze, went on something of a tirade on Twitter this week, unleashing a slew of angry and threatening messages at Howard Stern for some reason. It's not really clear what his beef is — and Stern didn't respond — but the self-professed "walking PR disaster" did offer some choice

phrases like, "Do you have any idea how badly I am going to assault you when I see you?" and, "It's a shame you don't hang in the same circles as my family (not enough bread for that)." So charming. I haven't seen anything on TMZ or Gawker just yet, but how about Metro, Mr. Haze? Will that do?

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## New Daily Show host's tweets draw criticism

## SOCIAL MEDIA

## Trevor Noah in hot water over digs at 'Jewish chicks,' Middle America

A day after Trevor Noah was declared the new host of *The Daily Show*, complete with the blessing of the exiting Jon Stewart, graphic tweets targeting women, Jews and Middle America are causing a social media backlash.

By Tuesday, Trevor Noah was a trending topic on Twitter as he drew fire for jokes described as tasteless, hateful — and unfunny. Roseanne Barr was among those calling out the 31-year-old South African comic, who has an international following and two million Twitter followers.

"U should cease sexist & anti semitic 'humour' about jewish women & Israel," she tweeted



South African comedian Trevor Noah. BONGIWE MCHUNU-THE STAR/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

late Monday.

Noah's controversial tweets were posted between 2009 and 2014.

In 2009 he wrote, "Almost bumped a Jewish kid crossing the road. He didn't look b4 crossing but I still would hav felt so bad in my german car!"

A 2012 post derides "jewish chicks." In a post from 2011, he writes, "Oh yeah the weekend. People are gonna get drunk & think that I'm sexy!" He attributes the joke to "fat chicks everywhere."

When a fan tweeted him last fall with a request to come to

Texas, Noah replied, "But you've already got Ebola?"

He slammed the United States' midsection in a 2013 tweet, writing that "When flying over the middle of America the turbulence is so bad. It's like all the ignorance is rising through the air." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



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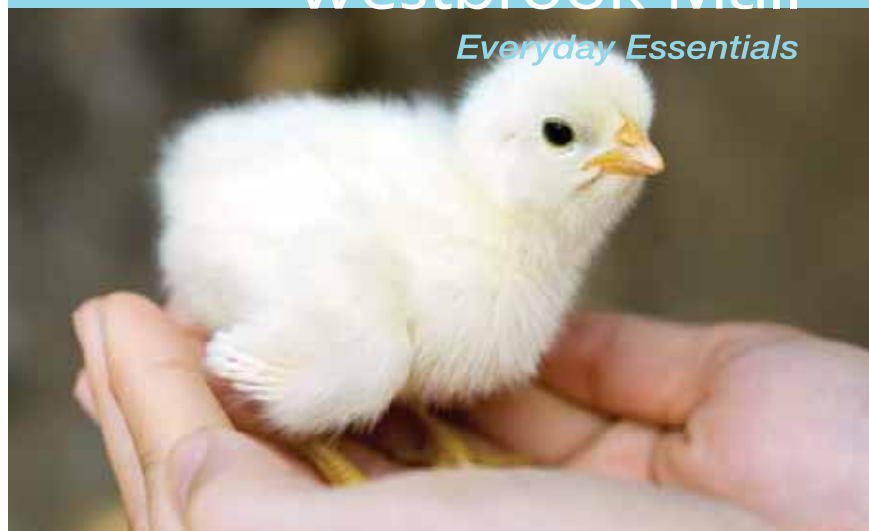
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# Pony car offers drivers a big kick



## THE CHECKLIST 2015 MUSTANG COUPE

### THE BASICS

**Type.** 2-door, RWD sports coupe  
**Engines (hp/torque).** 3.7-litre V6 (300), 2.3-litre turbo I4 (310), 5.0-litre V8 (435)  
**Transmissions.** Six-speed manual, six-speed automatic  
**Price.** \$26,599/\$28,799

### POINTS

- Completely re-invented for model-year 2015, which marks 50 years of Mustang.
- Return of the “fastback” body style, rendered in a very sleek profile.
- Longer and wider than the previous design, with a wider track.



### NOTABLE FEATURES

- Independent rear suspension, signalling increased emphasis on agile handling.
- Industry first passenger knee air bag system packaged inside glove box door.
- Selectable drive modes changes dynamics of engine, transmission, steering and stability control system.

### MARKET POSITION

- Continues the legacy of the first Mustang, which created the “Pony” car segment.
- V8 models still fly the muscle car flag, but I4 and V6 models targeted to wider array of coupe buyers.
- First Mustang model to be sold in key parts of Europe and Asia.

## THE COMPETITION



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**Dodge Challenger**  
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## REVIEW

### 2015 Mustang V6 respects its elders, but forges own path



**Mike Goetz**  
 Metro | Canada

If you saw this creature for the first time, and it wasn't wearing Mustang badges, you would still instantly recognize it as the newest version of this famous sports coupe.

Stylists themed it on the “fastback” Mustang body style, with swooping windshield and rear glass. It's low overall, which makes it seem smaller than its main rivals, Challenger and Camaro. Stylists gave it a new face, while retaining those two requisite Mustang elements — a shark-like mouth and trapezoidal grille.

Of course, the 2015 Mustang has the long hood/short rear deck look that defined the original “Pony Car” segment and which Mustang pioneered.

The cabin is cosy, with a big Mustang emblem is front and centre on the steering wheel, lest you forget which you're sitting in.

But there's no chance of that, because your look out over the hood is drawn to the ridges running down the length of the hood, to further draw attention to that long hood, which could only be part

of a Mustang. The dash, instrument panel, and everything inside have a nicely finished and chiselled look, but seem smaller than what you'd see in a sedan. The back seat is tight and challenging to access.

But all feels right on the money in the driver's seat. Our tester had the base 3.7-litre V6, good for 300 hp and 270 lb-ft of torque, and it rumbles to life with authority.

Ford engineers went out of their way to give the V-6 a more distinctive rumble and give occupants some Mustang atmosphere. Contrived? Maybe, but delightful nevertheless.

Once underway, the Mustang's emphasis on agility is apparent. Mustang was famous for hanging onto an old-school solid rear axle set-up in rear.

This Mustang is the first to feature an integral-link independent rear suspension; only one of the many chassis and suspension refinements that vault Mustang to a new level of agility.

Steering is precise and adds to the fun factor, though like most everything out there these days, steering feel is on the disconnected side.

Our tester had the 6-speed manual transmission, and it was also fun to manipulate, though not as slick as some.

A base Mustang, might not be an outright sports car, but as an affordable grand tourer, or a vehicle less ordinary to take you and your significant other on fun roadtrips, it's an absolute winner.

## TRANSPORTATION

# Russian superhighway could connect London to New York

Russia has unveiled ambitious plans to build a superhighway that, in theory, could make it possible to drive from London on one end to New York on the other.

According to a report by The Siberian Times, the head of Russian Railways is asking the government to seriously consider his project dubbed the Trans-Eurasian Belt Development, the first modern transportation corridor that would link up the Pacific to the Atlantic Ocean.

Plans call for the construc-

tion of a new high-speed railway and the development of major roads that would span the length of Russia, link up with existing transportation networks in Europe and Asia — and cross the Bering Strait.

The network would run about 20,000 kilometres.

The proposal was presented at a meeting of the Russian Academy of Science and was touted not only as a major transportation route, but as a means to create new cities and jobs in parts of Russia and Siberia that are woefully under-

## 20,000 km

The approximate length of the Trans-Eurasian Belt Development project, the proposed modern transportation corridor that would link the Pacific to the Atlantic Ocean.

developed, and experience the hemorrhaging of young talent who leave the region for better opportunities abroad.

The new network could also be used to build pipelines for oil and gas as well as infrastructure for electricity and water supplies, said Russian Railways head Vladimir Yakunin.

The lofty proposal, however, comes with an equally sky-high price tag that could be trillions of dollars.

Currently, the longest international route operated by Russian Railways is Moscow to Pyongyang, North Korea, a 10,267-km journey that takes about nine days. **AFF**



**Russian Railways is proposing to build a new train network alongside the Trans-Siberian Railway.** SHUTTERSTOCK



DOM TORETTO

## Lykan

He's perpetually sleeveless and prone to biblical bouts of epic badassery, so when the supercharged Furious action eventually cools down and he quits outrunning the law, Dom may be a little bored out of his gourd. After all, the master precision driver lives his life "a quarter mile at a time," 10 seconds or less.

**Golden Years Garage:** He's got to have his trusty 1970 Dodge R/T and maybe also that \$3-million Lykan HyperSport he goes skyscraper-hopping with in Dubai.



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## Raptor

This ripped DSS agent may always be packing heat, but those who dare to engage him in hand-to-hand combat are prone to hitting "rock bottom."

**Golden Years Garage:** He'll trade in his wall-smashing Gurkha LAPV, Navistar MXT and other Diplomatic Security Service-issued transport for something equally menacing, only with a lot less body armour, like an F-150 Raptor.

# From Furious streets to the suburbs

If the previous six Fast and the Furious flicks taught us anything, it's that a canister of nitrous oxide can come in really handy. That, and hell hath no fury like Vin Diesel scorned. While Universal execs feel there are three more sequels left in the tank, Furious 7 marks the end of the Paul Walker era. What rides will the leads park in their suburban two-car garages when they give up their heist-happy antics? Read on. **MIKE DOJC** METRO CANADA

ROMAN PEARCE

## FXX

This fast-talking, skirt-chasing longtime O'Conner chum going back to their days in juvie will keep things flashy when he enters his Flomax years. Keep in mind the crew member most likely to voice his concern about the "in-freaking-sanity" of a plan splurged on a Koenigsegg supercar, a private jet, plus a ton of blingy trinkets for his retinue of girlfriends with his cut of the massive score from Fast Five.

**Golden Years Garage:** Ferrari FXX



## + GAMING

### F&F carpool with Forza

Hollywood's hottest racing franchise is teaming up with the highly touted motorsport simulation series to bring gamers a standalone expansion to Forza Horizon 2. Tej Parker (Ludacris) will task players to source cars and saddle up on a flurry of high-octane missions set on the beautiful roadways of the south of France. Get behind the wheel of the coolest rides in Furious 7 including a 2014 Maserati Ghibli S, a 1998 Toyota Supra and a 2015 Dodge Charger R/T. Forza Horizon 2 Presents Fast & Furious will be free to download on Xbox One and Xbox 360 consoles for a limited two-week window from March 27 to April 10.



BRIAN O'CONNER

## Highlander

The actor who played him may be racing in heaven, but a happier ending is in store for O'Conner — likely a clean break from the biz and riding off into the sunset with his gal Mia (Jordana Brewster) and their son Jack. Whether it's the 1995 Mitsubishi Eclipse he whets his street racing whistle with, the 2008 Subaru Impreza WRX STI he apprehends Braga with in Mexico, or the multiple Nissan Skyline GT-Rs he pushed to the limit, the Barstow Cali native with the penetrating baby blues tends to favour Japanese marques.

**Golden Years Garage:** Souped-up Toyota Highlander



LETTY ORTIZ

## Hellcat

"I may not remember anything, but I know one thing about myself: Nobody makes me do anything I don't want to do," spouts Dom's strong-willed Latina lioness in Furious 6. While her amnesia completely clouds any vestiges of her past life, she certainly never forgets her love of fast cars. While plying her carjacking and cartel-crossing trade, she's show-cased pretty eclectic taste rocking a 1997 Nissan 240SX decked out in Advan wheels, a 1969 Plymouth Road Runner, and the oddball muscle of a 1973 Jensen Interceptor.

**Golden Years Garage:** 2015 Dodge Challenger SRT Hellcat



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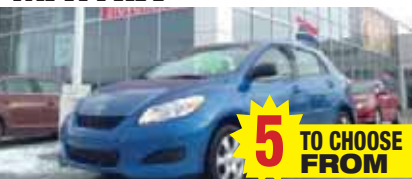


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## IN BRIEF

### Canucks take out Predators in shootout

Nick Bonino and Radim Vrbata scored in the shootout, and the Vancouver Canucks beat the Predators 5-4 Tuesday night to avoid being swept by Nashville.

The Canucks padded their lead to four points over Calgary to stay in second place in the Pacific Division with their second win in two nights. They did it by killing off a five-minute major penalty that carried into overtime.

Eddie Lack made 34 saves in regulation and overtime, then stopped Mike Santorelli and Filip Forsberg in the shootout.

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### Rangers' Kreider grounds Jets with late goal

Chris Kreider scored with 3:46 left in the third period to give the New York Rangers a 3-2 victory over the Winnipeg Jets on Tuesday.

Kreider beat Jets defencemen Adam Pardy and Dustin Byfuglien near the blue-line and then sent a backhand deke by a sprawling Ondrej Pavelec to break a 2-2 deadlock.

Henrik Lundqvist, in net for his second game since missing 25 with a throat injury, stopped 32 shots.

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# Flames defying all odds

## THE HOCKEY NEWS



**Brian Costello**  
FOR METRO

I'm being quizzed by the guys in The Hockey News office lately. "So what's the deal with the Flames? How do they keep doing it? I thought they'd fold up and blow away by now."

My work associates know I tune into just about every Flames game, but the questions didn't start coming until recently. "Seriously, how are they doing it? They were a cute story to start the season, but do you really think they'll make the playoffs? What they're doing is really quite improbable."

Quite a few of my colleagues are heavy into the advanced stats and I got called over the other day to look at something on a computer screen. "They can't keep this up," I was told. "It's just not sustainable."

I look at the stats, too — both advanced and traditional — and I'm also amazed. I watch the games intently and walk away a couple hours later, shrugging my shoulders at no one in particular with a half-smile. I never imagined for a second



**With 71 points, Jiri Hudler is the leading scorer on the Flames, who are the fifth-highest scoring team in the league despite unfavourable advanced stats.** MARK HUMPHREY/GETTY IMAGES

I'd hear so much Ring of Fire by Johnny Cash this winter.

This much I know: The Flames have been kissed by Lady Luck. So many players are having career seasons, shooting at career-high percentages or maturing much quicker than anticipated. Rebuilding teams everywhere would kill for this type of success in Year 2. I also know

the Flames love playing for coach Bob Hartley, or at least they're embracing the message he's sending out.

Calgary is the fifth-highest-scoring team in the league this season. I would have bet serious money they wouldn't rank in the top 20 in offence. The Flames have 11 players with 10 or more goals. That's tied for second best in the

league with Tampa Bay. They had just eight such players last season and the loss of ace marksman Mike Cammalleri was supposed to be devastating from a team-attack perspective.

Who could have predicted Jiri Hudler would be in the league's top 10 in scoring, or the Flames would have four players in the top 40

## ANALYTICS

Only the Buffalo Sabres spend more time taking faceoffs in their own end than the Flames do. Calgary is second in the league in defensive zone faceoff percentage, an indication the Flames are getting dominated in terms of possession. As you'd expect, Calgary is at the low end of offensive zone faceoff percentage (29.68 percent, which is 27th).

### Defensive zone faceoff percentages:

1. Tampa Bay 27.42%
2. Detroit 28.25%
3. Pittsburgh 28.50%
28. Toronto 35.43%
29. Calgary 35.64%
30. Buffalo 39.19%

in defencemen scoring, or Calgary would have the best third-period goal differential in the league?

But is it luck? Is it good fortune? Good karma? Can it continue? Who knows? I do know they'll have a lot of people cheering for them if they make the playoffs. They're the best feel-good story of the NHL season.

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# Ulsrud and nifty Norway send a message to hosts

## CURLING WORLDS

### Reigning world champ helps hand Simmons and co first loss

Norway's Thomas Ulsrud upped the fashion ante Tuesday night. He also showed Canada's Pat Simmons why he's the reigning world champion.

Looking loose and comfortable in colourful checkered knickers, soccer socks and patterned flat caps, the Norwegians defeated Canada 9-3 to hand the host side its first loss at the Ford world men's curling championship.

"We got in trouble early and often," Simmons said. "They're too good to do that against."

The victory also moved Norway into a first-place tie with Canada at 6-1. Ulsrud opened with a deuce and piled on with four points in the third end after a Simmons takeout attempt was a little wide. That silenced the partisan crowd at Scotiabank Centre. "They made us pay, that's for sure," Simmons said.

Simmons got one back in the fourth with a draw for one but Ulsrud hit a delicate raise for a single in the sixth. Canada scored a single in the seventh and Norway scored two in the eighth to end it.

"We showed up to play tonight," Ulsrud said.

The two rinks are medal favourites and this very well may have been a gold-medal game preview. If so, Simmons, third John Morris, second Carter Rycroft and lead Nolan Thiessen have some work to do.

Ulsrud and his crew were aggressive and used pinpoint ac-



Canada's Pat Simmons dropped his first match at the curling worlds in Halifax to Norway on Tuesday.

ANDREW VAUGHAN/THE CANADIAN PRESS

curacy to prevent the Canadians from mounting any offence. Norway set the early tone and Canada couldn't find its rhythm.

"We weren't expecting to go through this undefeated, that's for sure," Simmons said. "There are too many good teams. We'll just rebound and tomorrow's a new day. I look forward to it."

Meanwhile, Sweden's Niklas Edin has found his form again after a mediocre start.

The 2013 world champion whipped Switzerland's Marc Pfister 8-2 in the minimum

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Team Canada skip Pat Simmons

six ends.

Switzerland remained in third place at 5-2 while Sweden pulled into a fourth-place tie with Japan's Yusuke Morozumi at 4-3. The top four teams at the end of round-robin play will make the Page playoffs.

"My guess is it's not the (only) time Norway and Canada will

play this week," Ulsrud said. "We're going to play them again." Simmons beat Morozumi 7-4 in the afternoon draw. The Canadian skip made a draw for three in the fourth end and stole a single in the eighth for a three-point lead that held up the rest of the way.

"We had to play well," Sim-

mons said. "They are a very good team. They gave Canada a whupping last year. It was a well-curved game and it had to be."

Canada shot 85 per cent as a team while Japan came in at 71 per cent. Japanese second Tetsuro Shimizu struggled at just 57 per cent, easily the lowest individual percentage of the 32 curlers on the ice in the afternoon.

Ulsrud held off Finland's Aku Kauste 8-7 earlier in the day. Pfister beat Kauste by the same score in the morning draw for his fifth victory. THE CANADIAN PRESS

## GOLF

### Conners master of his fate

Corey Conners is getting ready for the biggest golf tournament of his life. But, the Canadian is trying to treat it like any other.

As a youngster, Conners said he got a VHS tape of the 1997 Masters when Tiger Woods won by 12 strokes. He watched that video "one or two hundred times." He also remembered watching on television as Mike Weir sank the final putt to win his own green jacket in 2003.

Now, Conners will be playing in the tournament he's only seen on a screen.

The 23-year-old from Listowel, Ont., will be in the field for next week's Masters Tournament in Augusta, Ga., thanks to a runner-up finish at the U.S. Amateur Championship in 2014. The two finalists are invited to participate in the Masters each year.

He'll become the 13th Canadian amateur to play in the tournament, joining names like Sandy Somerville — who played in the first Masters in 1934 — and Moe Norman. He'll be the 29th Canadian ever.

And, unless Graham DeLaet wins on the PGA Tour this week at the Shell Houston Open, Conners and Weir will be the lone Canadian representatives in the field this year.

"I'm really excited for next week," he said Tuesday. "I'm really looking forward to the experience." No amateur has ever won the Masters, but American Ken Venturi came close. He finished one shot back of the eventual champion Jack Burke Jr. in 1956.

Conners doesn't shy away from saying how Augusta National fits his game.

"Overall the course is beautiful, and it sets up well for my game," he explained. "It's a really great course and I think I can do really well."

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## NBA

### Lethal Leonard leads Spurs' playoff push

Kawhi Leonard scored 22 points, Tony Parker added 16 in his 1,000th NBA game, and the San Antonio Spurs added more steam to their playoff push by beating the Miami Heat 95-81 on Tuesday night.

Tim Duncan had 12 points and 11 rebounds for San Antonio, which went 12-3 in March — the league's second-best record during the month behind only Golden State. Boris Diaw scored 11 points. Goran Dragic had 19 points and Dwyane Wade added

15 for Miami. Hassan Whiteside and Mario Chalmers each had 10 points, and Chris Andersen grabbed 10 rebounds.

San Antonio stayed No. 6 in the West, and could clinch a playoff berth Wednesday in Orlando. The Heat remained in the No. 7 spot in the Eastern Conference race but now are two losses behind No. 6 Milwaukee and only a half-game up on Brooklyn, which climbed into the No. 8 spot with a win over Indiana earlier Tuesday. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



## TENNIS

### Djokovic progresses in Miami after comeback

Novak Djokovic rallied from a set and a break down Tuesday to beat Alexandr Dolgoplov 6-7 (3), 7-5, 6-0 in the fourth round of the Miami Open. Dolgoplov led 4-1 in the second set before the No. 1-ranked Djokovic mounted a comeback to remain in contention for his fifth Key Biscayne title. After the second set, Dolgoplov did receive treatment and his performance suffered as a result. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

## MLB

### Historic Hutchison to start opening day

The Toronto Blue Jays picked Drew Hutchison to make his first opening-day start, and the right-hander is slated to face the Yankees and Masahiro Tanaka on April 6 in New York.

Toronto also released Dayan Viciedo from his minor league contract; reassigned left-hander Jeff Francis, outfielder Caleb Gindl and infielder Jonathan Diaz to their minor league camp; and optioned catcher Josh Thole to Triple-A Buffalo. At 24 years old, Hutchison

will be the youngest opening-day starter in franchise history. He is 1-2 with a 4.80 ERA in three career starts at Yankee Stadium. "It's really exciting, opening day is special," Hutchison said Tuesday.

After missing the 2013 season while recovering from elbow ligament-replacement surgery, Hutchison was 11-13 with a 4.48 ERA in 32 starts last season. He is 3-0 with a 1.80 ERA in four spring training appearances. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



Ontario's Corey Conners  
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## RECIPE Holiday Roasted Turkey Breast with Dried Apricot and Date Salsa

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Prep time: 10 minutes  
Cook Time: 45-60 minutes

### Directions

**1.** Preheat oven to 400 F. Line a large baking dish with foil and spray with vegetable oil. Place turkey breast in dish. Add garlic, paprika, vegetable oil, salt and pepper over top and rub all over.

**2.** Bake for 45 – 60 minutes or just until meat thermometer reaches 160 F. Let sit for 10 minutes before slicing.

**3.** Meanwhile, in a serving bowl add all ingredients for salsa and serve alongside sliced turkey.

### Ingredients

- 1 – (2 – 2½ lb) boneless turkey breast, with skin
- 2 tsp minced garlic
- ½ tsp paprika
- 2 tsp vegetable oil
- Salt and pepper

### Salsa

- ¼ cup chopped dried apricots
- ¼ cup dried copped dates
- 1 cup diced red bell pepper
- ¼ – ¾ cup diced green onions, white part only
- 1 tsp crushed fresh garlic
- ¼ cup chopped cilantro or parsley
- 3 Tbsp apricot jam
- 1 Tbsp pure maple syrup
- 2 tsp apple cider vinegar or freshly squeezed lemon juice

### Nutrition per serving

- Calories 435
- Protein 36g
- Carbohydrates 37g
- Fibre 5g
- Total fat 9g / Saturated fat 2g
- Cholesterol 121mg



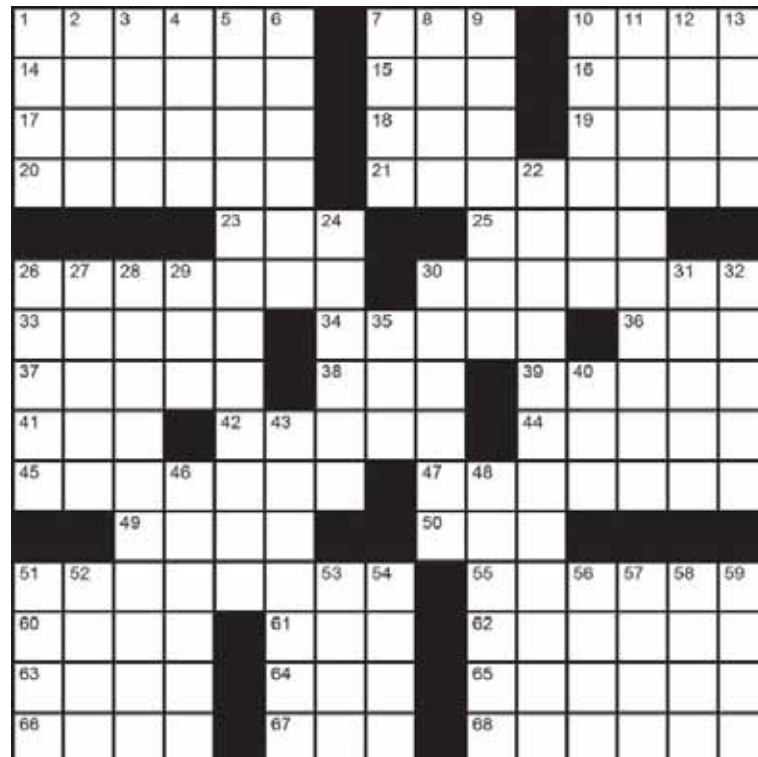
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### ACROSS

1. "MasterChef Canada" judge Claudio  
7. Photo-taker, briefly  
10. \_\_\_ yet (So far)  
14. Drew Barrymore's acting dynasty relative  
15. Granny: German  
16. Barn pointer  
17. Cleopatra's guy  
18. T. \_\_\_ (Big dino)  
19. Frantic situation, e.g.  
20. Shock jock Howard's  
21. Steakhouse serving: 2 wds.  
23. Yes  
25. Uni  
26. Nickname, variantly  
30. Montreal public transport  
33. "Doubt truth to be \_\_\_" - Hamlet  
34. Wetland  
36. "Differ" suffix  
37. 18th Greek letter  
38. Addams Family relative  
39. "Copperhead Road" singer Steve  
41. Washington state river  
42. Vivian of "I Love Lucy"  
44. Fix a point  
45. Guitar's one-of-six: letter + wd.  
47. Doesn't give in  
49. Paving stone



50. Singer Ms. Sumac  
51. King Crimson's "21st Century \_\_\_ Man"  
55. \_\_\_ Rico  
60. Miss Lane  
61. \_\_\_ Red apple  
62. Anne Murray song bit: "\_\_\_ a tear..."  
63. Golden \_\_\_

- (Pond fish)  
64. \_\_\_-fiction  
65. Tell the book's story: 2 wds.  
66. Play interlude, \_\_\_acte  
67. Three-lettered animal  
68. Self-\_\_\_

### DOWN

1. Sigher's word  
2. Liquid amount  
3. Memorization method  
4. Poker question, "Are you \_\_\_ out?"  
5. Rocker who covered The Guess Who's "American Woman": 2 wds.  
6. \_\_\_ Palace

- (President of France's residence)  
7. Walmart Canada \_\_\_  
8. 'A' of USA [abbr.]  
9. Russell Crowe's "Gladiator" (2000) role  
10. Skincare brand  
11. Singer from Mont-

- real with his own Band: 2 wds.  
12. R.E.M.'s "The \_\_\_ Love"  
13. Cartoon co-star of Phineas  
22. In cooking... Bechamel, Espagnole, Hollandaise, Tomato and Veloute: 2 wds.  
24. Ready for battle  
26. Sister in Chekhov's play Three Sisters  
27. Smorgasbords  
28. Medical drama on Global TV starring Brendan Fehr, "The \_\_\_"  
29. Helen Reddy's "\_\_\_ Woman"  
30. Blood carrier variety  
31. Like a bulbless room  
32. Footprints  
35. Flight tower serv.  
40. First three vowels  
43. French-Canadian movie, "Mon Oncle \_\_\_" (1971)  
46. Paul of "Mad About You"  
48. Hit TV show set in the Hip-Hop industry  
51. Gin fruit  
52. Cob's stuff  
53. Rocker Billy  
54. Clammy  
56. 'E' in QED  
57. Taunt  
58. Head: French  
59. Basketball's Lamar

## ★ IT'S ALL IN THE STARS by Sally Brompton

**♈ Aries** March 21 - April 20  
If you have been looking to get rid of a responsibility that has become a burden then now is the time. The planets make it possible for you to cut important ties without creating resentment.

**♉ Taurus** April 21 - May 21  
The pace of life will pick up over the next few days and that's good news because you have been operating well below capacity. With Mars in your sign you will find it ridiculously easy to get things done.

**♊ Gemini** May 22 - June 21  
You may be lacking in self-belief at the moment but it need not be a problem. Whatever you feel about your prospects if you just keep plugging away you will accomplish something worthwhile.

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**♋ Cancer** June 22 - July 23  
There is a huge luck factor working in your favor now and if you are smart you will milk it for all it is worth. The universe says it's your turn to benefit.

**♌ Leo** July 24 - Aug. 23  
You are determined to move up in the world and if you start making things happen now it won't be long before you are in a position of prominence.

**♍ Virgo** Aug. 24 - Sept. 23  
The planets are very much on your side at the moment. Mars, especially, is urging you to take a few risks and show the world what you are capable of.

**♎ Libra** Sept. 24 - Oct. 23

You will need to read between the lines today because what someone is trying to tell you is simply not true. This is one of those occasions when you need to be suspicious.

**♏ Scorpio** Oct. 24 - Nov. 22  
Partners and work colleagues may seem more dominant now that Mars is moving through your opposite sign, but the only power they have over you is the power that you choose to give them.

**♐ Sagittarius** Nov. 23 - Dec. 21  
You need to be on top of your game today, physically, mentally and emotionally, and that means a positive attitude is a must. Don't let anyone tell you that you are aiming too high.

**♑ Capricorn** Dec. 22 - Jan. 20

Mars in the most dynamic area of your chart makes all things possible, so forget about the things that went wrong and focus on the things that are going to go right.

**♒ Aquarius** Jan. 21 - Feb. 19  
Don't stick your nose in someone else's business today unless they expressly ask you to do so. Partners and colleagues are a bit touchy at the moment, so don't try to run their affairs for them.

**♓ Pisces** Feb. 20 - March 20  
Time is moving on and the world is moving with it – so why are you standing still? The best way to enjoy happiness and success is to earn them anew each and every day.

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